

any Merchant or other Person whatsoever shall sell or put to sale any Butt Tun, Pipe hogshead Barrell or other Cask of Rum wine Molasses or other Liquid Merchandize imported brought into or made in the said Town before the Gauger hereafter Mentioned or his Deputy shall have Plainly and Truly set down or marked upon the Head of such Vessel the Capacity and tull Contents of the same according to the Standard and Excise of wine Measure by the Gallon each person or persons shall forfeit for the uses directed in this Act the sum of Eight Pounds Current Money for every cask so sold or put to sale

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And be it enacted that if any Merchant or other person shall sell or put to sale any Such Rum Wine Molasses or other Liquid Merchandizes as aforesaid in the said Town of Baltimore in any Cask or Vessell having the Number of Gallons set down and marked on the head of such Vessel and the same shall be found to lack of the Contents marked on the said Vessell such Person shall forfeit and pay to the uses directed in this Act the sum of eight Shillings Current Money for every Gallon marked or Numbered on the said Cash more than it will truly Contain

[Penalty on Persons putting to Sale such Merchandize when the Cask shall be found to lack of the Contents marked.]

and to the end that all Persons dealing in such Merchandize may the More easily and readily [be] informed and assisted in discovering the True Quantity of such liquid Merchandize so imported brought into or made in the said Town Be it further Enacted that the Person who shall be appointed gauger of wine Rum Molasses and other Liquid merchandizes in the town aforesaid by the Commissioners of Baltimore town aforesaid for the Time being or the Major Part of them which Commissioners or the Major Part of them are hereby empowered to appoint such Gauger and him remove and another in his stead appoint the said Gauger [() before he enters upon his said Office having having taken an Oath or Affirmation if a Quaker well and truly to execute the Office of Gauger in said Town between buyer and seller) is hereby impowered by himself or his Proper Deputy or assistant to gauge all such rum Wine Molasses or other Liquid merchandize Imported brought or put in any Butt Tun Pipe Hogshead Barrell or other Cask in the said Town when he the said Gauger or his Deputy shall be thereunto required And that they shall mark and set down the true Number of Gallons according to the English Standard and Excise of Wine Measure which each cask or Vessel will truly contain with their own Mark all which Casks with their true marks and Numbers and owners Names shall be Entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that purpose by the said Gauger or his Proper deputy to which recourse may be had as occasion may require for a Copy of whih entry they shall receive three pence common money and for each cask so by them Gauged and marked they shall receive the sum of fourpence Common

[Gauger to be appointed by the Commissioners of Baltimore-Town.]

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